

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

HA-1750

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION  
PART 1 — EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Instructions: Read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification will be made unless a completed application form has been received. Type or print clearly in black ink. If additional space is needed, use continuation sheets or attach blank sheets.

1. Name of property: Maryland House Apartments  
Address of property: Street 200-202-204<sup>North</sup> Washington Street  
City Havre de Grace County Harford State Maryland Zip 21078  
Name of historic district: Havre de Grace Historic District  
☐ National Register district ☒ certified state or local district ☐ potential historic district

2. Check nature of request:

- ☒ certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation  
☐ certification that the structure or building and, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes.  
☐ certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district  
☐ preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.  
☐ preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district  
☐ preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district

3. Project contact:

Name Linda O'Neill  
Street 2913 Toddsbury Court City Abingdon  
State Maryland Zip 21009 Daytime Telephone Number 879-2000 X 355

4. Owner:

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the property described above. I understand that falsification of factual representations in this application is subject to criminal sanctions of up to \$10,000 in fines or imprisonment for up to five years pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature x Allen J. Fair Date March 14, 1988  
Organization A and M Properties x Tracy Snyder 3/14/88  
Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number Fair/218-28-3499 Snyder/223-56-2806  
Street 100 St. John Street City Havre de Grace  
State Maryland Zip 21078 Daytime Telephone Number 939-5055

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The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application — Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

- ☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation  
☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.  
☐ does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

Preliminary Determinations:

- ☐ appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.  
☐ does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.  
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.  
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.  
☐ does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

Date

National Park Service Authorized Signature

National Park Service Office Telephone No.

☐ See Attachments

HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
CERTIFICATION APPLICATION—  
PART 1

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Maryland House Apts.

Property Name

200-204 Washington Street

Property Address

Project Number:

5. Description of physical appearance: 200 Washington Street "Corner Building"

This building has a commanding presence in the local business district. Its Romanesque boldness contributes to its landmark status. The building is a three story structure with a turret located on the Southeast corner. The turret <sup>is (IN)</sup> ~~being~~ on the second floor providing protection for the first floor corner entrance. The corner entrance has been changed over the years to a door in the center of the east facade. Intricate tin work adorns the base of the turret as well as the facade of the turret between floors. Small lights of pale pink/purple glass appear to be original in the transoms of the original store front windows. The second and third floor windows of the turret and the east facade are one over one light with triple light transoms. The top turret windows are 'dummies' as no access is provided in the original construction. The east facade double windows have key stone lentils that appear to man-made and not granite. The turret is topped with a copper roof and a weather vane finial. The cornice on the South and east facade has a dentil frieze. Note that the east facade includes the center buildings in the treatment. The east and South roof lines have one dominate stone ornament that lend to the Romanesque dominance of the structures. (continued on page "A")

Date of Construction: 1905+/- Source of Date: Photographs-privately owned

Date(s) of Alteration(s): 1940-50-70-80's Previous owner gutted 2nd, 3rd & 4th floors all buildings

Has building been moved? ☐ yes ☒ no. If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Statement of significance: 200 Washington Street "Corner Building"

This building has served as a landmark for the business district. Its imposing style command attention of anyone visiting the Havre de Grace Business or Historic District. The Romanesque style and turret are unique in Have de Grace.

202 Washington Street "Center Building"

This building loses its own identity to the corner building since the facade is treated in the same manner. It becomes an extension of the corner building.

204 Washington Street "Northern Most Building"

This building is one of the older buildings on the street and should be restored. The inappropriate store front detracts from its simplicity.

7. Photographs and maps.

Attach photographs and maps to application.

Continuation sheets attached: ☐ yes ☒ no

Maryland House Apartments  
200-204<sup>th</sup> Washington Street  
Havre de Grace, Maryland 21078

This property is quite complex due to the many renovations and modifications over the years. To facilitate understanding of the descriptions used in this package the following explanation is necessary.

The property consists of three (3) original structures varying in age from the mid 1800's through 1905+/-.

The corner building with turret will be referred to as the "corner building". It was constructed last, about 1905. It appears the center building which will be referred to as such, was built much earlier. It is impossible to determine its exact date of construction but it seems likely that the front was covered with stone to appear part of the corner building when the newer structure was built. The northern most building, the one with blue shingles in the photographs is as old as the center building if not older. It originally contained three floors with the fourth being added at a later date.

Confusion stems from the evolution of the three buildings as ownership changed over the years, numerous modifications were made. When all three of the structures were owned by one individual they were treated as one structure. This leads to confusing floor plans. A written description of the results is listed below to help understand the drawings.

The first floor of the three buildings is treated as two (2) commercial units. The ceiling height in the corner building is much greater than that of the other two buildings.

The second floor of the corner building is of an elevation approximately three (3) feet lower than the third floor of the center and northern most buildings. The floor elevations of the center and northern most buildings are equal.

The third floor of corner building is equal in elevation to the fourth floor of the center and northern most buildings. There is no fourth floor in the corner building.

## 5. Description of physical appearance-continued

### 202 Washington Street "Center Building"

This building has no identity of its own. The facade was covered with stone when the corner building was constructed and on first glance appears to be part of the corner buildings. The first floor of the center building is incorporated into the store front of the northern most building again detracting from its identity. In original form this was a frame structure, two bays wide and four stories high. It contains one over one light windows with lentils. These were probably added to blend with the newer corner buildings construction. The entrance door was moved to the very corner of the building. This door provides access to the second floor at the present time.

### 204 Washington Street "Northern Most Building"

This is a frame structure three bays wide, and originally three stories high. A fourth floor was added much later probably around 1945+/- . The original three stories have one over one light windows with the newer fourth floor having 6/6 light windows.

### Rear facade of all buildings

The rear facades as illustrated in photo #4 show the haphazard modifications made to the three structure over the years. The mix of window treatments by size and type are quite distasteful as well as the mix of materials used to add this and then that. The rear facade has no redeeming qualities.

There is no northern facade as these are row style structures.



#1 South & East Facade



#2 East Facade showing the  
three different buildings